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TROPICAL CYCLONE BULLETIN NR. 18
Severe Tropical Storm FRANCISCO (MEKKHALA)

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FALCON WEAKENS INTO A SEVERE TROPICAL STORM AS IT ACCELERATES NORTH NORTHEASTWARD

Location of Center (4:00 AM)

The center of Severe Tropical Storm FRANCISCO was estimated based on all available data at **415 km Northeast of Itbayat, Batanes (23.1°N, 125.0°E).**

Intensity

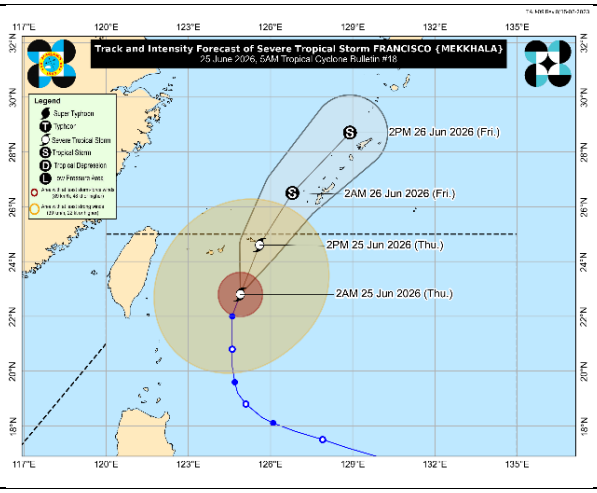
Maximum sustained winds of **100 km/h** near the center, gustiness of up to **125 km/h**, and central pressure of **985 hPa.**

Present Movement

North northeastward at 15 km/h

Extent of Tropical Cyclone Winds

Strong to storm-force winds extend outwards up to **400 km** from the center


Track and Intensity Forecast of Severe Tropical Storm FRANCISCO (MEKKHALA)
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Legend
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TRACK AND INTENSITY FORECAST

Date and Time	Center Position			Intensity		Movement dir. and speed (km/h)
	Lat. (°N)	Lon. (°E)	Location	MSW (km/h)	Cat.	
12-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 25 June 2026	24.6	125.6	575 km Northeast of Itbayat, Batanes	95	STS	NNE 20
24-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 26 June 2026	26.5	126.8	810 km Northeast of Extreme Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	85	TS	NNE 20
36-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 26 June 2026	28.7	128.9	1,135 km Northeast of Extreme Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	85	TS	NE 25

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TROPICAL CYCLONE WIND SIGNALS (TCWS) IN EFFECT			
TCWS No.	**Luzon**	**Visayas**	**Mindanao**
1 Wind threat: **Strong winds**	**Batanes**	**-**	**-**
	Warning lead time: **36 hours** Range of wind speeds: **39 to 61 km/h (Beaufort 6 to 7)** Potential impacts of winds: **Minimal to minor threat to life and property**		

OTHER HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND AREAS

Heavy Rainfall Outlook

Refer to **Weather Advisory No. 13 issued at 5:00 AM today** for the heavy rainfall outlook due to the Southwest Monsoon.

Severe Winds

The wind signals warn the public of the general wind threat over an area due to the tropical cyclone. Local winds may be slightly stronger/enhanced in coastal and upland/mountainous areas exposed to winds. Winds are less strong in areas sheltered from the prevailing wind direction.

- **Minimal to minor impacts** from strong winds are possible within any of the areas under Wind Signal No. 1.

The Southwest Monsoon and the periphery of FRANCISCO will bring **strong to gale-force gusts** over the following areas (especially in coastal and upland areas exposed to winds):

- **Today:** Most of Luzon, Panay Island, Negros Occidental, and Northern Samar.
- **Tomorrow (26 June):** Batanes, Ilocos Region, Apayao, Cagayan, Isabela, Central Luzon, Metro Manila, CALABARZON, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, Marinduque, Camarines Norte, and Camarines Sur.
- **Saturday (27 June)**: Batanes, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Pangasinan, Zambales, Bataan, and Lubang Island.

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HAZARDS AFFECTING COASTAL WATERS

24-Hour Sea Condition Outlook

Up to rough seas over the following coastal waters:

- **Up to 3.5 m:** The northern and eastern seaboards of Batanes.
- **Mariners of small seacrafts, including all types of motorbancas, are advised not to venture out to sea under these conditions, especially if inexperienced or operating ill-equipped vessels.**

Up to moderate seas over the following coastal waters:

- **Up to 2.5 m:** The remaining seaboards of Batanes; the seaboards of Babuyan Islands; the northern seaboard of Ilocos Norte.
- **Up to 2.0 m:** The remaining seaboards of Ilocos Norte; the seaboards of mainland Cagayan, Isabela, Aurora, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Zambales, Lubang Island, and Kalayaan Islands; the northern and eastern seaboards of Polillo Islands and Catanduanes; the northern seaboards of Camarines Norte and Camarines Sur; the western seaboards of Pangasinan, Bataan, and Batangas.
- **Mariners of motorbancas and similarly sized vessels are advised to take precautionary measures while venturing out to sea and, if possible, avoid navigation under these conditions.**

Other coastal waters have forecast wave heights of less than 2.0 m.

TRACK AND INTENSITY OUTLOOK

- **It must be emphasized that heavy rainfall and severe winds may still be experienced in localities outside the forecast confidence cone. Refer to "Other Hazards affecting Land Areas" for more details. Furthermore, the track may still shift within the limit of the forecast confidence cone.**
- FRANCISCO will continue moving generally northeastward towards the Ryukyu Islands and sea south of mainland Japan throughout the forecast period. On the track forecast, FRANCISCO will exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) this afternoon or evening.
- FRANCISCO is forecast to gradually weaken and will be downgraded to tropical storm tomorrow (26 June).

Considering these developments, the public and disaster risk reduction and management offices concerned are advised to take all necessary measures to protect life and property. Persons living in areas identified to be highly or very highly susceptible to these hazards are advised to follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials. **For heavy rainfall warnings, thunderstorm/rainfall advisories, and other severe weather information specific to your area, please monitor products issued by your local PAGASA Regional Services Division.**

The next tropical cyclone bulletin will be issued at 11:00 AM today.

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